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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - EL AL U.S. LANDING RIGHTS

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1. MINISTER OF TRANSPORT GAD YAACOBBI REPORTEDLY TOLD PESS NOV 11 ON DEPARTURE FOR U.S. (REF B) THAT ISRAEL EXPECTED TO SIGN AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD INCLUDE ADDITIONAL LANDING RIGHTS FOR EL AL ISRAEL AIRLINES IN U.S.

2. TEXT OF JERUSALEM POST ARTICLE FOLLOWS:

" EL AL MAY SOON BE ABLE TO EXPAND ITS NORTH AMERICAN ROUTE BEYOND NEW YORK, ITS PRESENT TERMINAL POINT IN THE U.S., TRANSPORT MINISTER GAD Y'ACOBBI YESTERDAY TOLD 'ITEM.' HE LEFT FOR WASHINGTON WHERE HE EXPECTS TO SIGN A TRANSPORTATION COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S.

3. "THE AGREEMENT IS EXPECTED TO INCLUDE A PROVISION FOR ADDITIONAL LANDING RIGHTS IN THE U.S. BY EL AL (RESTRICTED TO NEW YORK EVER SINCE IT STARTED FLYING THERE OVER TWO DECADES AGO). THE MINISTER WOULD NOT NAME THE NEW DESTINATIONS, ONLY SAYING THIS WAS STILL TO BE SUMMARIZED AT VARIOUS POLITICAL AND TRANSPORTATION

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4. " HE DID, HOWEVER, FEEL CONFIDENT THAT AN AGREEMENT WOULD BE REACHED IN ACCORD WITH THE LUTLINE REACHED BY FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON AND FORMER PRIMER GOLDA MEIR DURING THEIR TALKS. THIS OUTLINE SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED FOR ADDITIONAL LANDING RIGHTS BY EL AL IN U.S., MR YAACOBI NOTED."

5. COMMENT: PRESS APPARENTLY CONFUSED TRANSPORTATION COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH LANDING RIGHT AGREEMENT FOR EL AL. NEITHER YAACOBI NOR ANYONE ELSE IN GOI HAS SUGGESTED THAT HE PLANNED TO RAISE EL AL LANDING RIGHTS ON THIS TRIP, BUT WE DO NOT RPT NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY.
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